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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2768

As Amended by Senate Committee on Agriculture

Brief*

HB 2768 would amend the farm tenancy termination law to establish a notification and termination deadline for pastureland. Under the bill, pastureland would be defined as land used for livestock grazing or hay production, or both, which includes perennial vegetation, including, but not limited to, native vegetation, grass-like plants, forbs, shrubs, savannas, shrublands, marshes, and meadows. The bill would provide that the written notice of termination of pastureland tenancy be given at least 30 days prior to March 1, with termination of the tenancy to occur on March 1. (This is the same notification deadline given for other farm land under current law.) An exception to this provision would occur if the notice is given according to terms provided in a written lease signed by the parties. Any expenses incurred by the tenant for such things as fertilizer or weed control on pastureland also would be reimbursed as is the case for all other farm land.

Background

This bill was introduced at the request of a spokesperson for the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA). At the hearing on the bill, a spokesperson for the KLA stated that the current law is not clear as to whether it applies to pastureland and that landowners and tenants are uncertain as to how, or if, the law applies to their pasture leases. The spokesperson stated that the bill was intended to clarify the situation. There were no opponents to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture amended the bill to establish the notification for pastureland at 30 days prior to March 1 which is the same time frame as for other farm land under current law.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.accesskansas.org/legislature/>

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates that the Kansas Association of Counties estimates that there would be no fiscal effect resulting from the enactment of HB 2768.